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News in brief

CORRECTION A malfunctioning horn in a CN rail yard – not a CP rail yard – kept North Surrey residents awake Sunday night.

EVACUATION A Burnaby high school has been evacuated after unexploded mortar shells were discovered nearby yesterday. Mounties are still trying to determine how the mortar shells got there and where they might have come from.

DONATIONS The U.S. speedskating team competing at the Vancouver Olympics received more than $40,000 over the first 24 hours it accepted online donations through its main sponsor, The Colbert Report. That's despite a broken link that comedian Stephen Colbert blamed on "Canadian hackers." METRO NEWS SERVICES

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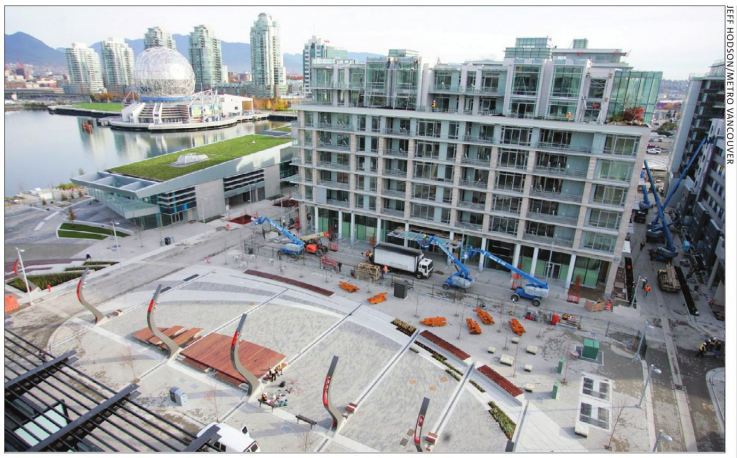

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The view of the Olympic Village plaza from one of the village's 1,100 suites.

City hands over village

Olympic site built to high environmental standards

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As the Olympic clock outside the Art Gallery ticked down past 100 days yesterday, Vancouver handed over the keys to its almost $1.2-billion Olympic Village to organizers of the 2010 Games.

The Southeast False Creek village, which aims to be one of the greenest communities in North America, has 1,100 suites and will be home to 2,730 athletes and officials during the Olympics, as well as 350 more during the Paralympics.

"A miracle has been performed on this site," VANOC CEO John Furlong said yesterday. "Wait to see what happens when athletes walk in here for the first time, they're not going to believe their eyes."

Media were taken on a tour yesterday of the site's community centre, which will house a restaurant and child-care facility, as well as a penthouse suite with views of the downtown core and North Shore Mountains.

The village, built on a 4.5-hectare industrial site on the south side of False Creek, is built to extremely high environmental standards. It features green roofs and uses rainwater for toilets. It also makes use of heat recovery from sewers.

Bob Rennie, the man in charge of selling the 730 market condos, called the village "the greenest community in the world." He has sold 263 of the units and will begin selling the remaining ones in May.

The cost of the village, to the end of the city's loan, Jan. 1, 2013, is $996 million. The land price is an additional $200 million.

The first athletes are set to arrive Jan. 29.

Olympic torches proving to be in demand online

VANCOUVER 2010 Games

SELLING A hot resale market has ignited online for 2010 torches.

A B.C. runner has posted an offer on Craigslist to sell an Olympic torch to the highest bidder, after showing it to family and a local elementary school.

The seller said he/she wants to keep his/her identity secret so as not to lose a place in the run.

There are also at least three Craigslist entries from people looking to purchase a torch. The highest is $2,000.

David Calder, a torch runner in Victoria on Friday, said he couldn't imagine selling his torch.

Calder, an Olympic rower who won Canada's first medal in Beijing (a silver), said he's still trying to find space in his office for his oar. He said he suspects the torch might end up in a crawl space, where it could be taken out for special occasions.

"I think it's something that will be more significant for the next generation of my family ... It'll perk interest when I'm long dead."

Earlier this week, a seller in Greece posted on eBay one of the torches carried by a runner during the Greek leg of the relay for $2,500 US.

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Free steering wheel locks available

PREVENTION In response to a rash of car thefts in the Lower Mainland, ICBC has teamed up with the RCMP and the City of Surrey to give out free steering wheel locks to the owners of targeted vehicles.

Recently, pre-2001 model Honda, Acura and Toyota vehicles have topped stolen vehicle lists.

While locks will be given out over the next few weeks, a limited number of the devices will be distributed by RCMP in White Rock this Saturday during an open house. The event will be held at the community policing office on Pacific Avenue from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m.

Top 10 targets

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- 2. Chrysler Caravan/Voyager
- 3. Honda Accord
- 4. Ford F-Series
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- 7. Acura Integra
- 8. Chrysler Neon
- 9. Toyota Camry
- 10. Dodge Dakota

The freebies will be given on a first-come, first-serve basis. Owners whose vehicles are on the list of the Top 10 that are stolen in the Lower Mainland also qualify.

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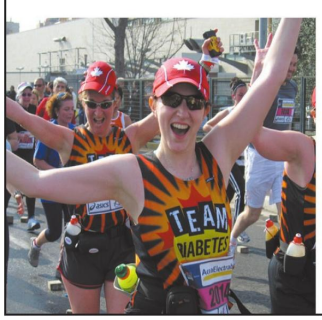

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B.C. to benefit from triple-A credit rating: Finance minister

Moody's Investors Service has given B.C. a triple-A credit rating and said that the province is in a strong position to deal with current economic challenges. According to finance minister Colin Hansen, the high rating will save the government millions of dollars in debt servicing costs. THE CANADIAN PRESS

Spice up your life at sex show

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Being used as a guinea pig is usually a dangerous job, but in the case of Mary Edwards' husband, it was a treat.

Edwards and her friend, Shannon Loeber, spent five years putting together an aphrodisiac cookbook, which they'll be showcasing until Sunday at Taboo … The Naughty But Nice Sex Show in Vancouver.

The Wisewoman's Cookery — something you'd expect to see in George Costanza's kitchen — features recipes for meals, desserts, drinks and even lotions to stimulate more than just the taste buds.

They said the book weaves together their love of food, romantic dinners and, in Edwards' case, folklore erotica.

"We reinvented old recipes," said Edwards, adding that she tested each on her husband. "He enjoyed it," she said. "I think it's been a nice little romantic time."

Edwards and Loeber say they use ingredients like ginger, cinnamon and thyme, which are stimulating, and lavender, which is euphoric and relaxing.

Fruit, like strawberries, are a sensual and aromatic addition to desserts and drinks, and foods that are high in iron — like beets, provide energy.

Edwards and Loeber will be showcasing their recipes at the Taboo Show at the Vancouver Convention Centre until Sunday. The adults-only trade show features fashion shows, product demonstrations, seminars and workshops, and contests.

Exhibitors include body painters, pole and belly dancers, lingerie and sex toy vendors, and healthcare practitioners.

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Shannon Loeber, left, and Mary Edwards, authors of Wisewoman's Cookery, a guide that helps lovers make magic in the kitchen and in the bedroom.

Man dead, woman arrested after domestic dispute: Police

VIOLENCE A 50-year-old man is dead and a woman has been arrested after a domestic dispute in Ridge Meadows, police said yesterday.

RCMP was called to a home on Tuesday night just before 10 p.m.

"Officers located an adult male in medical distress," said Sgt. Peter Thiessen.

"(Paramedics) … transported the victim to Ridge Meadows hospital where he was pronounced dead."

A 42-year-old woman was arrested at the scene and remains in custody.

Police have not released the victim's name and cause of death.

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News in brief

GAMES A new set of 14-metre-tall Olympic rings were illuminated just after dusk last night in Coal Harbour to commemorate the 100-day countdown to the 2010 Games. The rings complement those erected outside YVR earlier this year.

BREAK-IN A 36-year-old man has been sentenced to one month in jail after being caught trying to break into a North Vancouver motor home early yesterday morning. Dean Durnie was arrested in the past for sleeping in someone else's motor home.

SECURITY A temporary security screening facility should be built in Saltspring Island so residents don't have to fly to Nanaimo to be screened before heading to Vancouver during the Olympics, The Green Party of Canada said yesterday.

BACK TO WORK VANOC CEO John Furlong denied yesterday that Olympic organizers played any role in the "back to work legislation" introduced this week to get B.C. paramedics to end their strike, cknw.com reports.

MURDER A woman from the B.C. Interior has pleaded guilty to the 2002 second-degree murder of her husband. Darlene Alice Young, 46, had been twice convicted for shooting and killing her husband but won new trials on appeal in each case.

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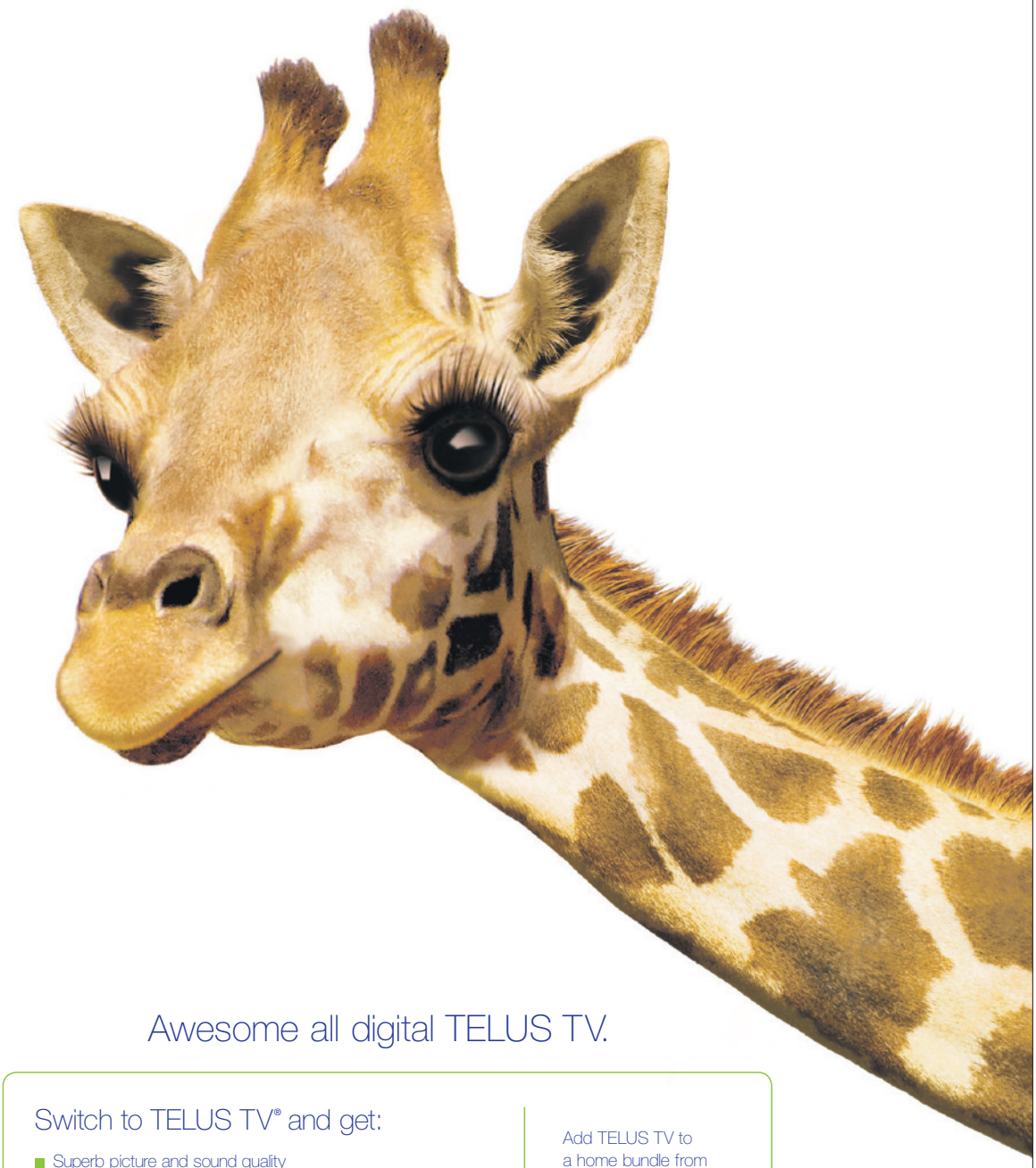

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Commuter ferry trial

Coastal Link set for Vancouver to West Van loop

KIMBERLY SHEARON
for Metro Vancouver

Commuters looking for a way to avoid gridlock on the Lion's Gate Bridge should circle Nov. 17 on their calendars.

That's the day Coastal Link Ferries will start chartering passengers between West Vancouver's Ambleside pier and downtown Vancouver.

"We're getting a lot of positive response and a lot of excitement," said Coastal Link owner Ihab Shaker.

He said he was ready to start the six-month trial project Nov. 2, but the City of West Vancouver needed time to outfit the Ambleside dock with new lights, rails and non-slip surfaces.

While the project is backed by West Vancouver city council, Shaker said the true test will be whether people actually use the ferry.

"This is an un-subsidized operation, so we're not receiving any kind of funding," he said. "As much as we're excited and very happy, we have to also make business sense out of it."

Coastal Link would be interested in expanding service to Jericho and Port Moody if the West Vancouver trial proves successful, Shaker said.

Shaker promised that potential passengers won't get stuck with an overly chatty ferry captain.

"If you are a regular commuter using the boat every day, it's the last thing you'd want to hear," Shaker joked.

Monday to Friday

- Trip fares between West Vancouver and Vancouver will be $5 one-way, or $9 for a round trip. Monthly passes will be available for $125.
- The service will run Monday to Friday. The first trip out of West Vancouver is at 7:30 a.m. The last trip in from downtown Vancouver is 5 p.m.

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The Coastal Link Ferry, which will link downtown Vancouver to West Van.
- For a full schedule visit coastallinkferries.com.

News in brief

B.C. HYDRO Bob Elton has stepped down as B.C. Hydro's president and CEO and will become a special adviser to the utility company.

WANTED Edmonton police believe Michael Bryan Flanigan, who is wanted in connection to the murder of 28-year-old Sara Sanders, may be in Vancouver.

MURDER A B.C. man has been charged with second-degree murder in the 1987 beating of 83-year-old Lillian Berube of Edmonton. Charles William Abou, 41, also faces other charges including break and enter.

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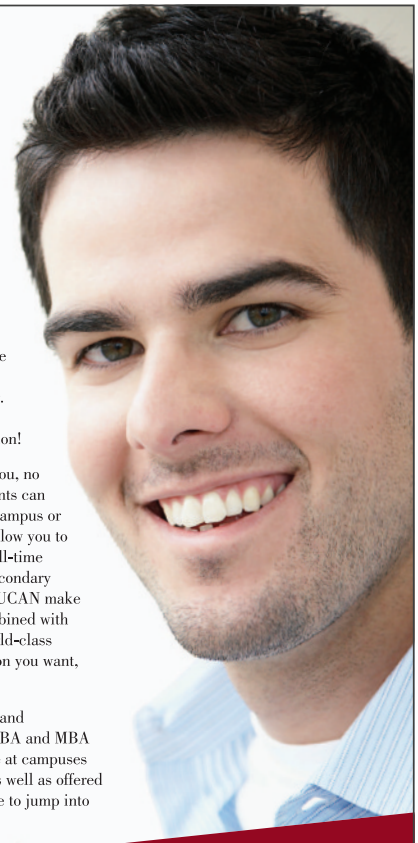
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Canada

Gun registry's end in sight

Commons votes in principle to kill controversial list

The national debate over gun control that many Canadians thought had been resolved a decade ago has roared back to life after the House of Commons voted in principle yesterday to end the long-gun registry.

The minority Conservative government got help from 12 New Democrats, eight Liberals and one Independent to pass a private member's bill that would kill the registry, expunge records on more than seven million firearms, and plow under a $1-billion taxpayer investment.

The 164-137 vote in favour of Bill C-391 is a big victory for the Tories, who have been fighting for years to end what they call a "wasteful, inefficient" registry.

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The bill now goes to a Commons committee for study — and possible amendment — setting the stage for another heated national argument over the best way to curb gun violence.

Regardless of what happens next, it appears the lid has been pried off the gun box.

Conservatives say the registry is a billion-dollar waste that targets honest gun-owners while doing nothing to fight crime.

Proponents for the registry, including police and victims-rights groups, say the registry is a useful investigative tool and has led to more responsible gun ownership, reducing suicides and deadly crimes of passion.

Leader Michael Ignatieff said earlier Wednesday that his Liberals, who brought in the long-run registry in response to the December 1989 massacre of 14 women at a Montreal college, still support "the principle" of gun control.

But he added: "the issue is to find a system of gun control that works for all Canadians — that works in rural Canada, that works in urban Canada."

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Ottawa **Star power**

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Astronaut Julie Payette presents Prime Minister Stephen Harper with a flag and mission emblem flown on Space Shuttle Mission STS-127 on Parliament Hill yesterday. A Canadian Space Agency (CSA) astronaut, Payette has completed two spaceflights, logging more than 25 days in space. She serves as Chief Astronaut for the CSA, and has served for both NASA and CSATHE.

News in brief

MEMORIAL Friends and former teammates of Ashley Neufeld have held an impromptu memorial service in her hometown of Brandon, Man. Dozens of people marked the life of the star softball player at a local ball diamond, drawing a large heart in the infield dirt and placing flowers at second base. Neufeld was one of three young women who died after the jeep they were in got submerged in a farm pond in North Dakota.

SWINE FLU Canadians have been lining up to get an H1N1 flu shot, but it may not be just themselves they have to worry about. Some pets may also be susceptible to the disease.

TRADE Gary Doer, Canada's newest ambassador to the United States met yesterday with President Barack Obama to present his diplomatic credentials, but it wasn't all handshakes, good wishes and a handful of White House M&Ms — the thorny issue of Buy American was also on the agenda.

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Comment

Do funny girls have the last laugh?

Ask just about anyone what they're seeking in a potential mate and you're likely to get the same answers: Nice. Smart. Cute. Funny. Employed.

But what if the person sitting next to you at the movies is REALLY funny? What if they are a veritable comic genius.

If you're a woman, you're probably going to want to see him again. If you're a man, you're probably going to bolt after the credits.

An unfair generalization? Maybe. But owing to my observations and personal experiences, I can't help but wonder (with apologies to Carrie Bradshaw) — when it comes to dating, do funny girls finish last?

Hey, let's ask science!

"Research indicates that, when asked what traits they find attractive in a potential partner, both men and women rate a sense of humour as being very desirable," says psychology Prof. Dr. Rod Martin. "However, it appears that there is a difference in what men and women mean by a 'sense of humour.' What women mean by a sense of humour seems to be someone who will make them laugh, whereas what men mean seems to be someone who will laugh at their jokes."

Martin conducted a study where young men and women were asked to select traits they found most attractive of members of the opposite sex. "Women were more likely to choose the one who made others laugh, whereas men were more likely to choose the one who laughed at others' jokes," he says.

"Being funny can help in the beginning, but it can be a novelty that wears off," says comic Michelle Shaughnessy (myspace.com/michelleyshaughnessy). While meeting friends of a guy she was dating and making them all laugh, her date took her aside. "I thought he was going to tell me how great I was doing and how he was happy that his friends liked me," she says. "He informed me that when it comes to the guys, he was the funny one and I was making him uncomfortable."

But for all the men out there who find funny women a turnoff, there are some gents who appreciate a quick female wit. Such men are clearly smart enough to hold on tight when they snag themselves a funny girl.

And it's those lucky fellas who will have the last laugh.

Sofi Papamarko is a 20-something writer based in Toronto. Her heroes include Desmond Morris and Nancy Sinatra.

Views

Step in right direction for Kuwaiti women

Within a week in October, Kuwaiti women won two small victories that were baby steps for womankind, but a nightmare come true for Muslim fundamentalists, who for decades blocked political rights for women.

First, Kuwait's constitutional court ruled married women could obtain passports and travel without their husbands' permission. The court said the previous requirement was in violation of guarantees of freedom and gender equality in the constitution.

The second victory came when the constitutional court dismissed a case raised by an Islamist voter who claimed that two of four women elected to parliament in May — Rola Dashti and Aseel al-Awadhi — cannot be members of the legislature because they don't wear headscarves. The other two female parliamentarians wear headscarves.

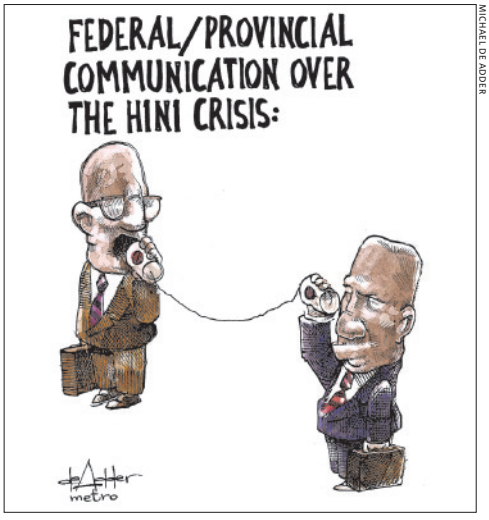
Headscarves have nothing to do with being a competent parliamentarian but everything to do with Muslim fundamentalist fear of women's rights.

For years, those fundamentalists stood in the way of women's political rights, making sure Kuwait's parliament remained a boy's only club.

Islamists forget they don't hold the copyright to Islam or its interpretations and they forgot that for many of us Muslims, the essence of Islam is equality and justice, not a hatred of women or laws to curtail their rights.

All four women parliamentarians in Kuwait are Muslim. Two wear headscarves. Two don't. That is the way it should be — an exercise of free will based on individual conscience and not the misogyny of fundamentalists.

Mona Eltahawy is an award-winning Egyptian-born commentator and public speaker on Arab and Muslim issues. She reported on the Middle East for 10 years before moving to the U.S.



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World

British satire magazine turns 30

Comic magazine Viz — renowned for its swearing, toilet humour and biting satire — is celebrating its 30th birthday with a major exhibition at London's Cartoon Museum. In the influential magazine's pages, Britons are drunken, lecherous, conniving and often stupid. Real-life figures such as rock stars Sting and Bono to Osama bin Laden, are ruthlessly mocked. "It's in that great tradition of vicious and surreal British humour that includes Monty Python," said writer and broadcaster Charlie Brooker. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Tale of two protests

The contrasts were vivid: Pro-government supporters chanted "Death to America" and stomped on U.S. flags yesterday while not far away, hundreds of opposition protesters denounced Iran's leaders and appealed to America's president to choose sides.

"Obama, Obama, you are either with them, or with us," the anti-government protesters chanted in Farsi, in a video clip widely circulated on the Internet.

The new and startling appeal to U.S. President Barack Obama came as Iran's opposition protesters returned to the streets in large numbers for the first time in nearly two months.

Authorities were ready with the same sweeping measures they used to quell fierce election-fraud protests this summer and early fall: Sending paramilitary units to key locations to fire tear gas and beat people with batons.

The day — marking the 30th anniversary of the 1979 U.S. Embassy takeover — has major symbolic importance for Iran's leaders.

Thousands of people attended a pro-government rally called to mark the anniversary outside Washington's former embassy in Tehran.

In all, several thousand protesters joined the marches in various spots across the city. But those numbers were far smaller than at the height of the outrage after claims that Ahmadinejad stole the election by fraud this summer.

Mobile phones were disrupted as was Internet access and text messaging, in another echo of the summer.

Yet amateur video like the one appealing to Obama still was posted on Web sites, showing protesters in fall clothes and coats in Tehran's streets.

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Russia **Protests turn violent**

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Extreme Russian nationalists beat protesters who confronted them at a rally marking National Unity Day in St. Petersburg yesterday. The new holiday, marking the end of the foreign intervention in Russia in 1612, was created in 2005 to replace the Nov. 7 celebration of the 1917 Bolshevik rise to power.

Railways hope to curb suicides

JAPAN Alarmed by a rise in people jumping to their deaths in front of trains, some Japanese railway operators are installing special blue lights above station platforms they hope will have a soothing effect and reduce suicides.

East Japan Railway Co. has put blue LED lights in all 29 stations on Tokyo's central train loop, used by eight million passengers each day. There's no scientific proof that the lights actually reduce suicides, but others say blue does have a calming effect on people.

"We associate the colour with the sky and the sea," Mizuki Takahashi, a therapist at the Japan Institute of Color Psychology. "It has a calming effect on agitated people."

2,000
Approximate number of suicides in Japan last year just from people jumping in front of trains.

Suicide rates in Japan have risen this year amid economic woes, and could surpass the record 34,427 deaths in 2003.

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Doctors arrested for selling babies

MEXICO Three doctors and a nurse have been arrested for allegedly selling newborns after telling mothers their babies had died at a private hospital in Mexico City, authorities said yesterday. Police uncovered the scheme after one of the women learned her baby was alive and had been sold to another woman for about $1,200, said Luis Genaro, the capital's deputy attorney general. The woman gave birth at a hospital in 2008, Genaro said. He said she told authorities she heard her baby cry but when she asked to see the child, doctors told her she had to wait until the effects of the anesthetics wore off. Later, doctors told her the baby died and had been cremated. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Maine rejects gay marriage

U.S. Voters in the state of Maine repealed a law that would have allowed same-sex couples to wed, dealing the gay rights movement a heartbreaking defeat in the corner of the country most supportive of gay marriage. Gay marriage has now lost in every single U.S. state — 31 in all — in which it has been put to a popular vote. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

News in brief

TEXAS A former member of a polygamist group has taken the stand in the sexual assault trial of the first group member tried since authorities raided the group's ranch last year. Rebecca Musser testified that jailed leader Warren Jeffs kept notes on interactions with members because he believed God would hold him accountable. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

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California reports big jump in pot plant seizures

Authorities reported a jump in the marijuana plants seized in California's eradication effort, with more than 50 per cent jump over the previous year. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Cleveland's house of horror leaves many questions

The run-down Cleveland neighbourhood where 50-year-old Anthony Sowell quietly carved out an existence is the type of place where women can disappear almost in plain sight.

Where crack users sneak into vacant houses to do drugs, have sex, then steal copper pipes and wiring to make a few bucks. Where no one asks a lot of questions, even about the smell of rotting meat that came when the wind blew a certain way. Some likened it to the smell of death, and it seemed to follow Sowell around.

No one is sure how long Sowell, a registered sex offender who would offer free barbecue to the neighbours, had been living in his three-story house with corpses lying around, many of them women who had been strangled.

"How did somebody get away with this in a residential neighbourhood?"
Cleveland city councillor Zach Reed

Police have now recovered 11 bodies from the home on Imperial Avenue, in the living room, crawl spaces and backyard graves. There was even a skull in the basement.

But if Sowell's street is seedy, it's far from abandoned. Occupied homes are sandwiched between vacant, boarded-up houses and scattered small businesses with a steady stream of customers.

"We're not talking about some desolate area, some abandoned barn," said Councilman Zach Reed, whose mother lives a block away.

"How did somebody get away with this in a residential neighbourhood?"

Residents said that in retrospect the smell alone should have raised questions. It smelled like a dead dog, they say. Like sewage. Like rotting meat.

"It was smelling so bad, horrible, putrid," said Kenneth Broader, a postal carrier who delivers mail to Imperial Avenue.

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News in brief

BIOLOGY In the world of fiddler crabs, the best form of protection for females is, apparently, having sex with the neighbours, according to an Australian study published yesterday. Researchers from The Australian National University found male fiddler crabs will happily defend a nearby female against intruders — partly because the females will dole out sex in return.

DUGARD A new report finds that the California Department of Corrections and Rehabilitation failed to properly supervise parolee Phillip Garrido and missed opportunities to discover alleged kidnapping victim Jaycee Dugard, held for 18 years in his backyard.

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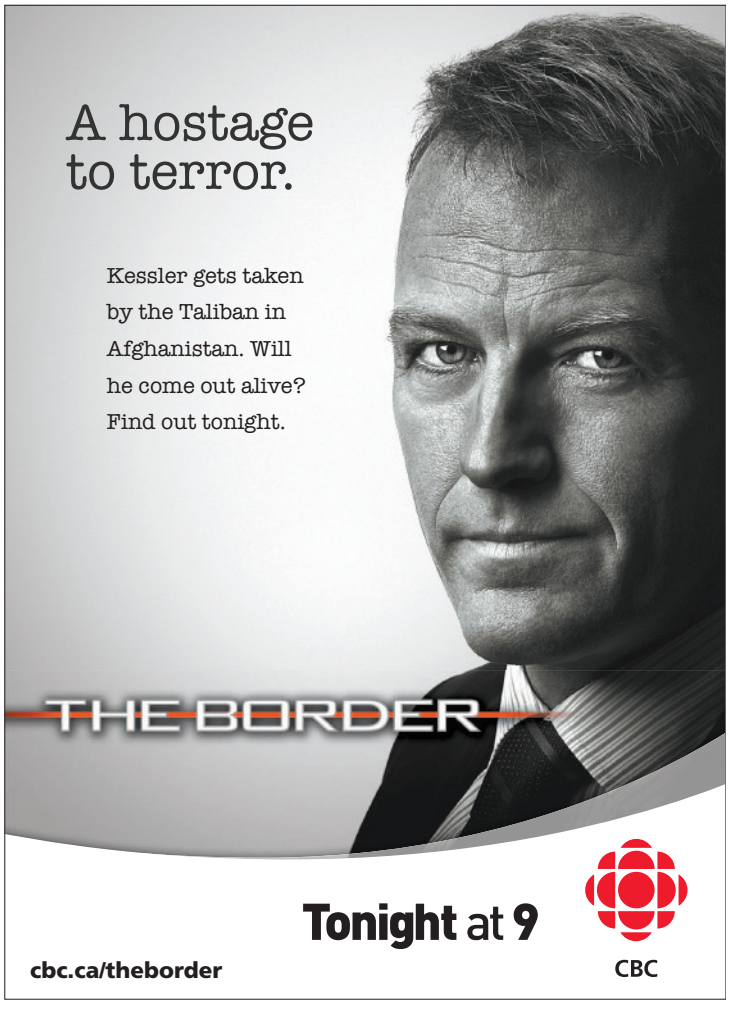

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Fed keeps interest rate at record low

In a decision that was widely expected, the U.S. central bank kept the target range for its bank lending rate at zero to 0.25 per cent. The U.S. Federal Reserve held interest rates at record lows yesterday. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Business

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From bear to bull, say business leaders

Canada's business leaders are turning bullish about the economy after a year of doom and gloom, a new survey suggests.

The Conference Board of Canada's fall business confidence survey finds corporate leaders believe the recession is finally over and that the economy will rebound in the next six months.

The mood of confidence is particularly strong considering that recent indicators, particularly gross domestic product data for July and August, were disappointing.

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Yet 63 per cent of business leaders surveyed said they expect the economy to improve over the next half-year, as opposed to only seven per cent who thought it will deteriorate.

Significantly, about a year ago the responses were almost exactly reversed.

The 16-point surge in the fall survey brought the confidence index to 97.8, the highest level since 2007.

The survey of about 2,000 representative firms from across the country was conducted between Sept. 14 and Oct. 22.

"After a year of despondency, Canadian business leaders are sensing an end to the deepest recession in a generation," the Conference Board said about the results. THE CANADIAN PRESS

Business in brief

TECHNOLOGY Consumers looking to upgrade their cellphones have a new acronym to learn: HSPA. All three of Canada's big wireless providers are buzzing about the new technology, which promises to make smartphones more fun and powerful. Bell's new network is alive today, while Telus launches Thursday. THE CANADIAN PRESS

Companies turning a healthy profit

Flu Outbreak

OUTBREAK Many Canadian companies expect the H1N1 flu to hand them staff shortages and dropping revenue, but others are looking to turn a healthy profit.

Medical equipment maker Noveko International Inc. says it's received so many orders for its face masks that it's had to turn some down, while demand for its hand sanitizer has gone through the roof.

Montreal-based AXA Assistance has launched a pandemic assistance hotline to help companies reduce the disruption in their day-to-day activities due to the flu. Meanwhile, Glaxo Smith Kline's facility in Quebec City has already produced seven million doses of H1N1 vaccine and expects to produce millions more in the weeks ahead. THE CANADIAN PRESS

Padilla shot in leg
Los Angeles Dodgers pitcher Vicente Padilla is recovering from a bullet wound in his leg after a target shooting instructor accidentally shot him. Dr. Eduardo Reguera said Padilla, who signed with the Dodgers in August, didn't need surgery after spending time at Managua's Metropolitan Hospital. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Sports

Order of Canada for Weir

Mike Weir, left, will become a member of the Order of Canada this morning and is pleased the Governor General's office noted his charitable work in announcing his investiture. The former Masters champion will be one of 35 Canadians to be honoured during the ceremony at Rideau Hall in Ottawa. THE CANADIAN PRESS

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Yankees win 27th Series

Hideki Matsui named MVP, ties single-game RBI record

N.Y. wins Series 4-2

Phillies 3 New York 7

Paint New York in pinstripes.

Nearly a decade after their dynasty ended on a blooper in the desert, the New York Yankees are baseball's best again.

World Series MVP Hideki Matsui tied a Series record with six RBIs in one game, Andy Pettitte won on short rest and New York beat the Philadelphia Phillies 7-3 in Game 6 last night, finally seizing that elusive 27th title. It was the team's first since winning three straight from 1998-2000.

Matsui powered a quick rout of old foe Pedro Martinez — and when Mariano Rivera got the final out it was ecstasy in the Bronx for George Steinbrenner's go-for-broke bunch.

What a way for Alex Rodriguez, Derek Jeter and crew to christen their $1.5-billion-US ballpark: One season, one championship.

And to think it capped a season that started in turmoil — a steroids scandal involving A-Rod, followed by hip surgery that kept him out until May.

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New York's Hideki Matsui hits a two-run home run last night against the Philadelphia Phillies in Game 6 of the World Series at Yankee Stadium. Matsui was named World Series MVP.

In a fitting coincidence, this championship came eight years to the day after the Yankees lost Game 7 of the 2001 World Series in Arizona on Luis Gonzalez's broken-bat single off Rivera.

New York spent billions trying to get back. At long last, it did.

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Sports in brief

CHAMPIONS LEAGUE Liverpool's chances of progressing in the Champions League took a big hit yesterday when the five-time European champions conceded late to draw 1-1 at Lyon, which advanced to the next round. Meanwhile, Arsenal moved to the verge of qualification with a 4-1 win over AZ Alkmaar.

FORMULA ONE Toyota is pulling out of Formula One racing. The world's largest automaker announced yesterday it needs to cut costs and focus on its core business. Toyota follows Honda Motor Co. as the second major Japanese automaker to withdraw from the sport in the last 11 months. Honda pulled out last December amid worsening economic conditions.

POLO Random drug tests will begin next year for horses in polo matches in the U.S. after the deaths of 21 elite horses in Florida that were injected with an incorrectly mixed supplement shortly before a championship match, the United States Polo Association said yesterday.

MLB Detroit Tigers all-star third baseman Brandon Inge has undergone surgery on both knees. The team said yesterday the procedure at the Detroit Medical Center addressed chronic patellar tendinitis that plagued Inge last season.

HANDBALL The European Handball Federation has given a three-year ban to the coach of an Austrian women's handball team who ran onto the court and stopped an opposing player from scoring last week. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Ailing Steinbrenner inspired team

MLB Derek Jeter and the New York Yankees said throughout the post-season they wanted to win another title for George Steinbrenner.

The frail owner wasn't around when New York beat Philadelphia 7-3 last night to win the World Series, but there's no doubt the outcome brought a smile to his face.

It was the 79-year-old Steinbrenner's seventh crown since he bought the team in 1973 and first since turning over the day-to-day operation of the team to his son, Hal, last November. Hal Steinbrenner was expected to accept the championship trophy.

George Steinbrenner has made few public appearances since his health deteriorated in recent years. He attended the first two games against the Phillies, returning to the new Yankee Stadium for the first time since opening day.

The Yankees' objective to win one for Steinbrenner was never more obvious than the Series opener last Wednesday, when the grounds crew donned T-shirts that read "WIN IT FOR THE BOSS" on the front and 27 on the back — New York won its 27th crown overall.

• Yankees first baseman Mark Teixeira was hit by a pitch in the third inning last night, tying two World Series records.

Teixeira and Alex Rodriguez each were plunked three times, joining Pittsburgh's Max Carey in 1925 as the only players to be hit three times in a single Series. The 2009 Yankees, 1909 Pirates and 2001 Diamondbacks are the only clubs with six HBPs as a team in a Series.

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Player suspended for rest of season

OHL The Ontario Hockey League came down hard on Erie Otters forward Michael Liambas yesterday, suspending him for the entire season after a hit that left his opponent with serious head injuries.

Michael Liambas

Liambas was assessed a match penalty for boarding after his hit on Ben Fanelli of the Kitchener Rangers in a game last Friday.

Fanelli's helmet flew off and he fell unconscious to the ice before he was taken to a local hospital in an ambulance. He was later airlifted to Hamilton General Hospital with skull and facial fractures.

Fanelli's condition has been upgraded from critical to serious, but stable.

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Jean joins eco-conscious footwear line

Grammy award-winning musician and humanitarian Wyclef Jean is collaborating with Timberland on a footwear collection that will launch globally and in Canada in December under ther Timberland Earthkeepers line. METRO NEWS SERVICES

Style

Wii heads to the runway

Project Runway is strutting to Nintendo's Wii. Atari Inc. is developing a video game based on the popular reality TV fashion show. The game, set for release next year, will cast players as aspiring fashion gurus tasked with creating designs and outfitting models. Gamers will then be able to showcase their virtual fashions while walking down a catwalk using the Wii balance board. Project Runway, which formerly aired on Bravo in Canada, is in its sixth season on U.S. cable's Lifetime. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

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Elegance rules the runway

Vancouver Fashion Week kicks off with strapless, long-flowing gowns

LINA TOYODA
For Metro Canada

Vancouver Fashion Week kicked off Tuesday night, and the runway flowed with eveningwear and empress gowns as the Italian Chamber of Commerce hosted opening night at the Westin Bayshore.

Showcasing Italy's emerging designers were Il Karato's jewellery collection, Elena Vera Stella's eveningwear and Giusari White Revolution's wedding gowns and denim line.

Strapless and long-flowing gowns ruled the show, from princess silhouettes to layered chiffon and shimmering accents of silver and gold. Contrasting textures like lace and faux fur, cinched waists and jewel-encrusted bustiers were seen in the Elena Vera Stella and White Revolution collections.

"We have a number of established designers presenting this year," says Jamal Abdourahman, the producer of Vancouver Fashion Week (VFW). "International designers from emerging to established are showing this season and it will be a diverse group of designers."

Each evening will be themed and the line-up this season includes eco-friendly, contemporary, aboriginal and street wear. Tonight will feature a show with all South Asian models and Friday has a segment called Night in Taipei, with the debut of Taiwanese-born, Vancouver-raised Angela Chen's highly anticipated Orange label collection.

DAN PAPISH PHOTO

Angela Chen's highly anticipated Orange collection (above) — all based on black and white — will debut on Friday on VFW.

"For this season, my whole collection is based on black and white," says Chen. "It's my black and white group. It's a very clean-cut collection. It's all about silhouette, the flowiness of the fabric — the shape of the fabric."

"I went to the fabric store and I saw the black-and-white striped fabric and I just loved it, and I basically designed my line around it. It's just really me. The whole collection is really what I would wear."

Having spent many years in the cities of Vancouver, New York and Taiwan, Chen says all three places have an influence on her understated designs.

VFW is on now until Sunday

The show will feature 13 outfits — her first complete collection.

"My aesthetic is minimalism with a little bit of a feminine touch to it," she says.

Vancouver Fashion Week is continuing to grow in presence and popularity as it reaches its 10th anniversary next year.

"It's so close-knit and it's a little society and they help promote these young designers. And there is so much talent out there," she said.

Paul Hardy

• Acclaimed Canadian designer Paul Hardy will be showing his spring/summer 2010 collection on Saturday, inspired by the juxtaposition of the masculine and feminine. Layered, draping and unshapely silhouettes are paired with sharply tailored garments this season.
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Left: A model wears a wedding gown by Italian designer Giuseppe Sarubbo at the inaugural event of Vancouver Fashion Week. Left, below: A model wears a gown by Italian designer Elena Vera Stella.

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Buy Legacy on eBay

Last three suites in Shuswap Valley development up for sale

The developer of a high-end project in Shuswap Valley is using a 10-day auction on eBay to sell three suites.

The online sale of the suites at Legacy on Mara Lake makes Sable Resorts the latest developer to employ a creative technique to sell remaining inventory during a down market.

Although the auction that began on Tuesday started with bids at 1 cent, the luxury suites are likely to generate a lot of interest. There is also a reserve fee for each unit, priced considerably lower than the appraised values.

Among the three suites is a two-bedroom, 935-square-foot, south-facing suite with a view of Mara Lake that is valued at $539,900. The auction ends the evening of Friday, Nov. 13.

"Online auctions are very successful in the U.S. but are still rare in Canada," said Sam Boguslavsky, president of Sable Resorts. "By auctioning off our luxury suites on eBay, we're positioning ourselves ahead of the curve."

Legacy on Mara Lake is a completed $60-million seven-storey concrete and steel development that features a private marina as well as an advanced hydrothermal system that draws in lake water to provide renewable energy for heating and cooling.

Suites also feature gourmet kitchens with granite countertops, cork flooring, deluxe jetted soaker tubs, dramatic high ceilings and high-end European tilt and slide floor-to-ceiling windows. The three suites being sold on eBay also come with a boat slip — an amenity that is valued at as much as $50,000. These suites range in size from 935 to 1,379 square feet.

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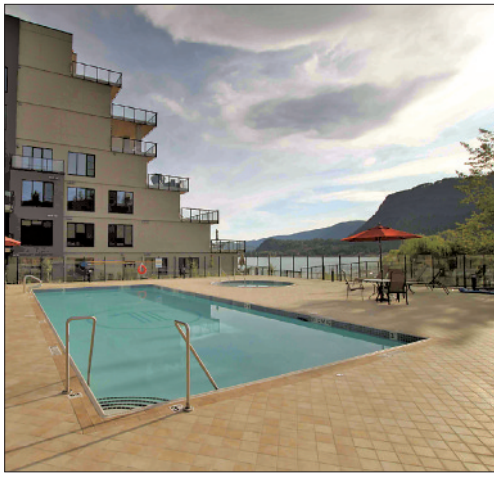

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What to do with all those leaves

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After you've exhausted yourself piling up multi-coloured fall leaves and leaping into them, and doing it again for your kids and the neighbour's kids, and so on, you might as well finish the job you started.

Raking leaves and gathering them for useful purposes is as old as the hills. These days, many cities pick them up to use for municipal leaf composting programs.

But you can reap the benefits directly by using your leaves as mulch or as compost in your garden — it's free and you don't have to go far to get it.

Leaf mulch is like gold if you're a gardener. It is made up of leaves that are not yet decomposed, and acts as a barrier to prevent erosion, freezing and windburn in the winter, and retain moisture and keep the soil cool in the summer.

But don't think that thick layer of leaves lying on your lawn will miraculously do the job. One big problem with leaving a layer of leaves on the grass or perennial bed, is that the layer can become impenetrable once it gets wet and matted, killing whatever is underneath.

So if you want mulch, shred the leaves — this way they won't matt. Do this by raking them into a pile and buzzing through them a few times with a lawnmower. Or, you may shred them in a garbage can with an electric lawn trimmer, or a chipper/shredder does the job as well. It's best to wait until the ground freezes to apply mulch, since applying it earlier can provide nesting materials for rodents.

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Martin, Baldwin Oscar hosts
Steve Martin and Alec Baldwin are taking on the Oscars. The two Hollywood veterans will share hosting duties at the 82nd Academy Awards, the Academy of Motion Picture Arts and Sciences said Tuesday. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Entertainment

Tweet things
Dolly Parton, left, and Jessica Simpson tweeted about large breasts. Parton: "Aahhh chiropractor... Hurts so good :-) you lug these around and see if your back don't hurt!" Simpson's reply: "Amen sister." METRO WORLD NEWS

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Underwood tugs at heartstrings

Carrie Underwood

Album: Play On
Label: Arista/Sony
Rating: ●●●½

THE AMERICAN IDOL winner's third disc boasts a stunning array of songwriters and producers with all the attention going to Mike Elizondo on opening tracks Cowboy Casanova and Max Martin on Quitter. These are the brain-trust hits designed to further elevate Carrie Underwood to the kind of cross-over pop stardom not seen in Nashville since Shania Twain left the scene. The strength of this album is found in songs that pull at the heartstrings. Kara DioGuardi's Mama's Song, is a track that should leave Underwood's boyfriend — Ottawa Senator Mike Fisher — melting into a puddle by the side of the rink. But the track here that shows why she is deserving of the 'most successful Idol ever' title is one that has the unmistakable stamp of Gordie Sampson, the Canadian songsmith who wrote her first hit Jesus Take the Wheel. Someday When I Stop Loving You puts aside all the techno, hit-by-committee gimmicks, and serves up a magnificent vocal performance set to a melody and lyrics that cannot fail.

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Alex Cuba

Album: Alex Cuba
Label: Caracol
Rating: ●●●

THIS CUBAN-BORN Canadian's first two albums won Junos in the respected but commercially limiting "world recording of the year" category in 2006 and 2008. It's doubtful, however, that Cuba (a.k.a. Alexis Puentes of Smithers, B.C.) will continue to toil away in artistic anonymity. Cuba co-wrote seven of the songs on Nelly Furtado's new Spanish language album, Mi Plan, as well as performing a duet with the multi-million selling singer on one of the tracks. So it's fortuitous that Cuba releases his most pop-oriented album of his career just as Furtado starts skyrocketing up the Latin charts. Cuba has chosen to show off his considerable talents as a singer-songwriter on this record with 13 tracks (all but one in Spanish) all upbeat in character and positive in vibe. Cuba is an exceptional guitarist with the gift of Santana, but unfortunately his licks are too often relegated to quick flourishes and fills. Come on, Alex, stretch it out a bit.

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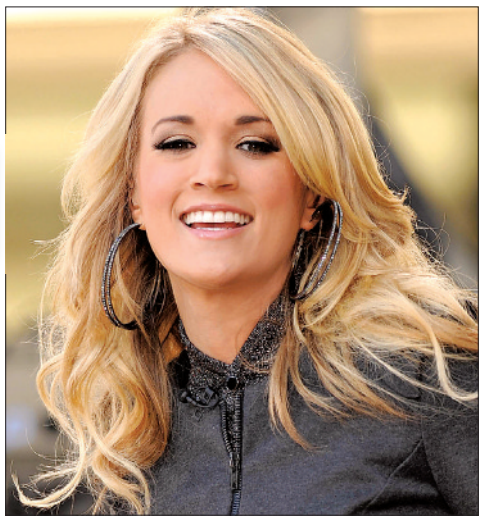

American Idol winner Carrie Underwood has a new album, Play On.

Julian Casablancas

Album: Phrazes for the Young
Label: RCA/Sony
Rating: ●●½

THE FRONTMAN FOR the Strokes chooses to adorn his debut solo album with cheesy synthesizer licks strung over fast-paced guitar strumming and his droning vocals. It's kind of fun on the first track, Out of the Blue, especially in combination with Casablanca's self-slagging, "p— on my casket" lyrics. But by the third track, 11th Dimension, it degenerates into a low-grade parody of Human League, partly likable but mostly loathsome. Halfway through the record, Casablancas takes an interesting rootsy turn with gospel-tinged redemption song called 4 Chords of the Apocalypse and the country-flavoured Ludlow St., an ode to his own drunkeness. OK, guys, you've now got it all out of your systems. It's time for another Strokes record.

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Slayer

Album: World Painted Blood
Label: Sony
Rating: ●●●

SLAYER'S BEST QUALITY isn't its speed or over-the-top of lyrics, it's that the band members have been more or less consistent purveyors of aggressive metal since they formed in 1983. Their latest will sound familiar — wildly rapid guitars, a lyrical onslaught that's filled with violent imagery — it's not much different from many past releases. But, that's why people still flock to Slayer. Fans love the murder, anarchy and anti-religion messages, they want more of the speedy drums and crunchy riffs and these days, Slayer is one of the only name metal bands playing this type of music.

Bryan Borzykowski/for Metro Canada

Devendra Banhart

Album: What Will We Be
Label: Warner
Rating: ●●●

DEVENDRA BANHART, WITH his Russell Brand-like hairdo, has always been quirky and his latest — and major label debut — stays on the off-beat course. On What Will We Be the musician's created an eclectic album of soft finger-picking folk tunes, louder indie rock, chanting and even Michael Bublé-like pop jazz. It's been recorded with a full band, but it's still as intimate as if he made this alone. It's not a masterpiece, but infectious melodies and warm sounds make it an engaging listen.

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Weezer

Album: Raditude
Label: Interscope/Universal
Rating: ●●½

LET'S GET THIS STRAIGHT: Weezer isn't the same band its was in 1994. Comparing the group to Blue Album-era Weezer is pointless. They were new, fresh and creative back then. Today's Weezer is so cheesy, the band wouldn't be out of place on a bill with Simple Plan. It's hard for old fans to stomach, but the tunes, including the ones off this disc, are all incredibly infectious, polished and radio ready. It might be perfect for current followers, but it's not so great for the 30-somethings who grew up with this band.

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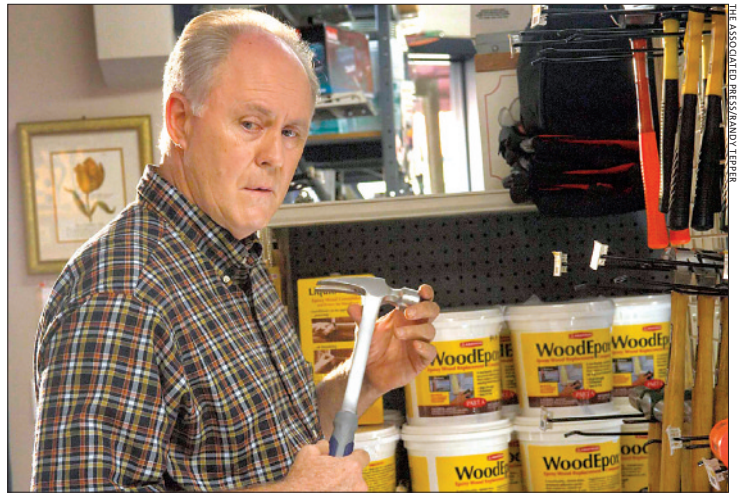

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In this image released by Showtime, John Lithgow portrays Arthur Mitchell in a scene from the Showtime original series, Dexter.

Life as a serial killer

John Lithgow was going to pass on the chance to play serial killer vs. serial killer on Dexter, with an Italian vacation, cruise and his son's wedding awaiting him.

He made it to the ceremony but postponed the trip, and he credits his very understanding wife of 28 years, university professor Mary Yeager Lithgow, with pushing him into the plum job.

"She's the one who said, 'No, you've got to take the role," he recalled.

Lithgow guest stars as Arthur Mitchell, the so-called Trinity Killer whose victims come in threes and who both repels and attracts Michael C. Hall's Dexter Morgan in the Showtime drama.

Mitchell fits the profile of those that forensics expert Dexter has judged deserve to die, but he's also a singular role model.

Tempted to learn how the Trinity Killer has evaded capture, Dexter begins to make mistakes as he deviates from his protective "code," leading to a plot twist in Sunday's episode, Slack Tide.

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Lithgow, who has a nearly courtly manner and is deemed a sweetheart by colleagues, enjoys bringing the death-obsessed Mitchell to life.

"This man is very two-faced, like Dexter. A serial killer by definition is a man who presents himself in a very different way to the world," Lithgow said.

"So it's an actor's field day figuring out what you reveal and what you don't."

It's difficult to push such a portrayal too far given the behaviour of real-life murderers, he said.

"Every one of these stories that suddenly springs up in the news, you read it and think, 'My God, how could this possibly happen? How could a human being behave this way?' — which in a way is really liberating," Lithgow said.

"You can't outdo the truth." THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

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La Toya Jackson scene added to DVD release
A scene with La Toya Jackson is being edited back into Sacha Baron Cohen's documentary Brüno when it is released on DVD on Nov. 17. The scene was removed after Michael Jackson's death. **USMAGAZINE.COM**

The high cost of big concerts

Secondary ticket market offers fans the best seats for top dollar

BRYAN BORZYKOWSKI
for Metro Canada

You don't want to get on The Boss' bad side.

Ticketmaster had to learn that the hard way when, last February, it was widely reported that the ticket seller sent fans seeking regular priced tickets to Bruce Springsteen concerts to the website TicketsNow.com, where entry to the show costs up to hundreds of dollars more than face value.

Ticketmaster, which owns TicketsNow, said it was an accident, a computer glitch directed fans to its secondary ticket site, but the damage was done. Springsteen was angry: "They did this even when other seats remained available at face value. We condemn this practice," he said in a statement.

Not only did this debacle hurt Ticketmaster's reputation, but it left a black mark on the secondary ticket market — a $2 billion business that has been thriving for decades.

Until now, the market was driven mostly by scalpers and brokers. The Internet, though, has helped legitimize the industry by making it much easier for people to offer tickets to fans at prices above face value. While some people decry this practice as being unfair, others say the ticket industry is just like any other; people want to sell to the highest bidder.

"If 50,000 people want to go see Miley Cyrus and they're all willing to spend $100 then why not?" says Sucharita Mulpuru an analyst with Forrester Research. "That's the way the world works."

Michael Hersfield, a Toronto-based entrepreneur who ran the now defunct secondary ticket site LiveStub, agrees that there's nothing wrong with people paying more for in-demand tickets. It's how these tickets wind up on the market, however, that troubles him.

"The market isn't transparent, so there's more opportunity for abuse," he says.

"Why would Ticketmaster sell their best tickets for face value? They could get $1,000 for a $100 ticket. So they split the pie with everyone who's part of the bottom line, that's the backdrop of this whole story."

Hershfield says artists are also holding back the best seats for resale, so they can have a bigger payday. And, despite how it looks, it's hard to argue that they're doing something devious. These days artists make most of their income off concert tickets, so the old model of keeping prices low may be out of date.

That's at least what Mulpuru thinks. She says the secondary ticket market is on its last legs — tickets will soon become more expensive from the get go.

"You'll start seeing pricing that converges more to market value, so there will be less of an opportunity to resell those tickets," she says.

Hershfield also thinks the market is on its way out, but he says pricing will become more dynamic. Much like in the airline industry, ticket price will increase as less inventory is available.

For now though, if you want to see a show badly enough be prepared to cough up some serious cash. Or follow this simple principal: "Buy tickets early and they will be cheaper," says Hershfield. "Don't wait until it's sold out."

Bruce Springsteen and Ticketmaster squared off earlier this year.

"The market isn't transparent, so there's more opportunity for abuse."
Michael Hersfield

Berlin history part of MTV European Awards

PEOPLE For Katy Perry, learning can be fun.

The singer, hosting MTV's European Music Awards for an second consecutive year, said that today's show is a chance to combine performances by artists like U2, Foo Fighters and Leona Lewis with a remembrance of the 20th anniversary of the Nov. 9 fall of the Berlin Wall.

"As much as it has to be funny, you also want to help educate my generation or the generation after me that might not know the importance of the unity of the Berlin Wall when coming down — how it really affected people's lives," the 25-year-old Perry told The Associated Press.

"It can't always be rock and roll and partying and liquor," Perry said. "You have to have a little meat on the bones."

That's not to say music fans and party connoisseurs won't go away with more than just a history lesson.

Irish rockers U2 will play a special 20-minute set in front of the Brandenburg Gate — which lies on the line that formerly divided East and West Berlin — that will be beamed to the 02 World Arena where the award show is being held.

Despite losing a performance by British singer Robbie Williams, Grammy-winner Beyonce Knowles will perform "a very saucy set," too, said Richard Godfrey, executive producer of the show.

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Kidman's reveals sex life

In the latest issue of British GQ, Nicole Kidman opens up to the magazine about the varying degrees of her sex life, The Daily Mail reports. "I've explored strange sexual fetish stuff," she reveals. PEOPLE.COM

Hilton case resumes Nov. 17

COURT The assault case involving the manager of the Black Eyed Peas and celebrity blogger Perez Hilton has been put over until Tuesday, Nov. 17.

Liborio (Polo) Molina faces an assault charge for allegedly striking Hilton outside a Toronto nightclub on June 22.

Molina didn't appear in court Wednesday as the case was adjourned.

Molina allegedly punched Hilton — whose real name is Mario Lavandeira — following a heated argument between the blogger and Black Eyed Peas leader will.i.am at a party after the MuchMusic Video Awards.

In the ensuing days, Hilton and will.i.am insulted each other in videos online and Hilton also filed a civil lawsuit against Molina.

The celebrity blogger sued for alleged battery and intentional infliction of emotional distress and is seeking more than US $25,000.

The allegations have not been proven in court.

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Fun with numbers

In their 2005 book Freakonomics, economist Steven D. Levitt and journalist Stephen J. Dubner used dozens of interesting anecdotes to prove a simple point: "People respond to incentives."

The authors apparently are no exception. After the book sold more than four million copies, the pair doubtless realized how lucrative a follow-up book would be.

So they followed the same model for SuperFreakonomics: Global Cooling, Patriotic Prostitutes, and Why Suicide Bombers Should Buy Life Insurance. It works just as well the second time around.

Their strategy is simple — crunch numbers about mundane topics to reveal interesting, unexpected conclusions. That's how we get answers to questions we never thought to ask.

It turns out, for example, that prostitutes tend to make more money when they have pimps. Muslim women who observe the one-month fast of Ramadan early in their pregnancy are more likely to have children with certain cognitive disabilities. Some people who are rushed to emergency rooms might have been better off if they just stayed home.

The real point is to make the science of economics a little more fun — if you learn how to ask the right questions, numbers can give intriguing answers.

The topics are often random and mashed together in a series of tangentially related vignettes. But the writing is deft and seamless enough to keep SuperFreakonomics entertaining.

For the most part, the authors come across as folks who would make for great conversation at a cocktail party. But that changes in a later chapter when they discuss the environment.

They interview a group of scientists who propose radical solutions to extreme weather — floating pontoons to drive warm ocean water down to inhibit the formation of hurricanes, and a giant "garden hose to the sky" to pump sulphur dioxide into the stratosphere to replicate the global-cooling effect of volcanic eruptions. Here the authors seem to abandon the relative impartiality of their previous chapters.

Most of the book will draw interest, not antagonism. SuperFreakonomics isn't necessarily super or freaky, but it does make economic analysis a little less dismal.

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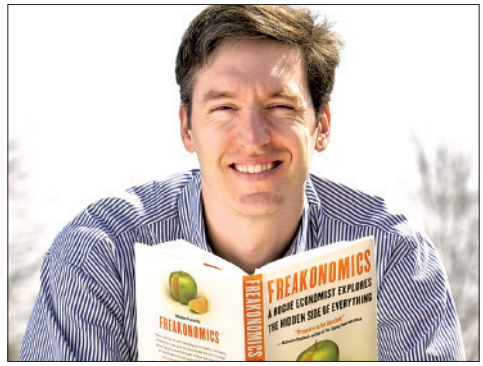

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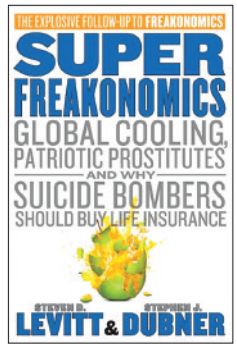
University of Chicago economics professor Stephen D. Levitt has co-authored SuperFreakonomics.



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FlashForward

Alex Kingston ("ER") guest stars as Fiona Banks, a British intelligence agent who teams up with Mark, Demetri and Gough (Joseph Fiennes, John Cho, Lee Thompson Young) to investigate a Blue Hand club that may be connected to some recent suicides. Demetri admits to Zoey (Gabrielle Union) that he hasn't had a flash-forward, while Bryce (Zachary Knighton) gets help from Nicole (Peyton List) in figuring out his own in the new episode "The Gift." 8 PM on ABC

Parks and Recreation

Karen Walker, so good to see you back on a Thursday night! Megan Mullally ("Will & Grace") guest stars in this new episode as Ron's (Nick Offerman) ex-wife, Tammy, who runs the library. Leslie (Amy Poehler) is distressed to find out Tammy's department is trying to take over her lot, and the powerful hold Tammy still has over her ex is further complicating the matter. Incidentally, Offerman and Mullally are married in real life. 8:30 PM on NBC

In brief

THEATRE Jude Law and his fellow cast mates in Broadway's production of Hamlet have no reason to be melancholy: They are an official hit. Producers of the Shakespeare classic now playing at the Broadhurst Theatre said yesterday they've recouped the show's $2.5 million US costs in less than three months. The production began performances on Sept. 12 and plays until Dec. 6.

TV Celebrity chef Gordon Ramsay has some new people to yell at. The verbally abusive star of Fox's Hell's Kitchen has signed a deal with Fox for a second show. Tentatively called Masterchef, it will feature Ramsay trying to turn people who have no experience in the food industry into expert cooks. Not surprisingly, producers say Ramsay won't be afraid to tell the would-be cooks the cold, hard truth about their work.

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Fab five: Sample this book buffet

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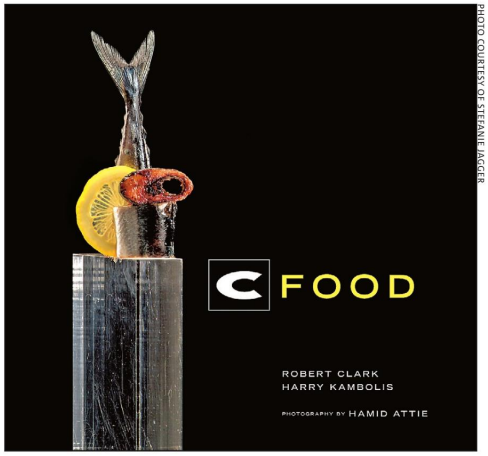
This year's crop of cookbooks cover the gamut from local and regional to vegan and choco-centric. Here are some of my favourites.

Araxi: Seasonal Recipes from the Celebrated Whistler Restaurant
By James Walt
Gordon Ramsey may have just discovered Araxi this past year, but this restaurant has been quietly, and successfully, celebrating all things seasonal and local for over 28 years. An intense focus — not to mention exhaustive information — on Pemberton Valley ingredients is matched with numerous wine paring options for each dish. Dessert recipes come from pastry chef Aaron Heath, a prodigious talent when it comes to the likes of chocolate caramel pots de crème and petit fours.



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C Food, by Robert Clark and Harry Kambolis.

C Food
By Robert Clark and Harry Kambolis
C Restaurant's mantra of sustainable seafood and local ingredients is apparent on every page of this large coffee-table-format compendium.

Recipes like steamed Alaskan King Crab legs with candied orange butter and Bayne Sound scallop with coriander grapefruit jelly come with detailed instructions and plating recommendations, to help you create a visual, as well as gustatory, dining experience.

Chocolate for Breakfast
By Barbara Passino
Passino is the owner of the celebrated Oak Knoll Inn in Napa Valley, and a chocolate fiend from her earliest moments. As the title states, this cookbook focuses on the sweet side of life. Not all the recipes use chocolate however — some use caramel. Recipes are divided into cultural regions (Italian chocolate pasta, Moroccan mint-chocolate tea, Pacific Rim two-melon summer soup) and savoury and sweet live side-by-side with simple wine pairings.

Clean Food
By Terry Walters
Prepare yourself for healthy recipes that actually — gasp — taste good. Walters takes a holistic approach in this book, explaining food choices from an environmental, social and health aspect. Innovative alternatives to everyday staples like wheat (think teff, an ancient grain originating in Ethiopia) make treats like chocolate peanut-butter cookies a gluten-free and vegan-friendly option.

Vancouver Cooks 2
Chefs' Table Society of British Columbia
Who says the sequel is never as good as the original? I would argue it can be even better than the original. What else can you expect when you mix 70 of the province's top chefs (everybody from Vikram Vij and John Bishop to Rob Feenie and Melissa Craig), an internationally-respected wine authority (Sid Cross), and a forward written by Vicky Gabereau? A damn fine sequel, that's what. Edited by Joan Cross, Jamie Maw and Andrew Morrison, this collection of 100+ recipes highlights the core of what has made Vancouver an international dining destination.

On the web
- Read the full article online at metronews.ca/vancouver/columnist/40411.
- Chew more on Anya's blog at metronews.ca/vancouver/blog/136310.

Global Peasant blog
- Travel along with Diane Thompson's culinary adventures in her Global Peasant blog.
- Check out metronews.ca/globalpeasant for her recipe for Cornbread with Goat Cheese.

Mr. America
Here comes Mario Lopez as the Miss America pageant host. The 36-year-old Extra host and former Dancing with the Stars contestant will again serve as master of ceremonies for the Jan. 30 live ceremony in Las Vegas. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Celebrity Buzz

Lindsay's baffled by Gerard rumour

HE'S PROBABLY NOT SO HAPPY ABOUT IT EITHER Lindsay Lohan is baffled by reports she is romancing Scottish actor Gerard Butler, insisting the persistent rumours about her love life are all "lies," reports femalefirst.co.uk. The Mean Girls star is alleged to have enjoyed a number of flings since splitting from DJ girlfriend Samantha Ronson earlier this year. The latest tabloid claims link Lohan to The Ugly Truth star Butler after they were allegedly spotted kissing at the grand opening of a luxury beach resort in Morocco on Sunday. But she insists she wouldn't have the time to keep up with all her suitors if the rumours were true and admits the inaccurate media reports constantly keep her smiling. In a Twitter post, she wrote "One minute I'm dumped, the next I'm dating a model, now Gerard? WHO HAS THE TIME! Such lies — it keeps me laughing."

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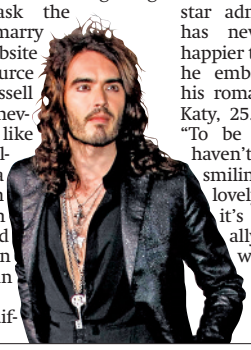
Will Russell pop the question?



WHAT'S IT BEEN, TWO MONTHS? Russell Brand is set to propose to Katy Perry, femalefirst.co.uk reports. The British comedian — who has been linked to a string of beauties in the past and is known for his womanizing ways — has amazed friends with his new attitude to romance and pals are convinced he is getting ready to ask the singer to marry him, the website says. A source close to Russell said: "We've never seen him like this. He always has a woman on his arm, or in his bed, and hasn't been interested in monogamy. "But this is different — we all think it won't be long before he marries Katy. I'm waiting for a call to say they are in that Little Chapel in Vegas and have run off to get married."

Former Oasis rocker Noel Gallagher added: "He's a changed man, Russell." The 34-year-old star admitted he has never been happier than since he embarked on his romance with Katy, 25. He said: "To be honest I haven't stopped smiling. She's a lovely girl and it's going really, really well"

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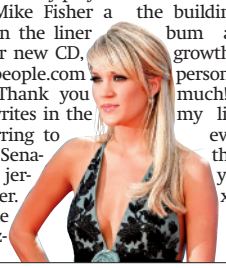
Carrie gives Mike a shout-out



I WANT THE WORLD TO KNOW... I'M A PUCK BUNNY Carrie Underwood's given her hockey-player boyfriend Mike Fisher a shout-out on the liner notes of her new CD, Play On, people.com reports. "Thank you #12," she writes in the notes, referring to the Ottawa Senator player's jersey number. "You are the most amazing addition to my life! You are such a wonderful person and have had such an amazing hand in the building of this album and in the growth of me as a person. I love you so much! You make my life better in every way! I thank God for you every day... xoxo, Carrie."

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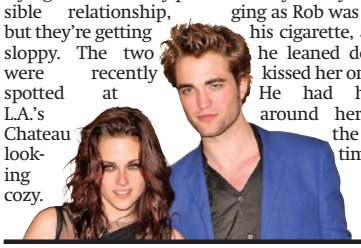
Rob, Kristen seen making out



SHOCKING BUT POSSIBLY TRUE Twilight co-stars Robert Pattinson and Kristen Stewart may be trying to conceal any possible relationship, but they're getting sloppy. The two were recently spotted at L.A.'s Chateau looking cozy. "Rob wanted a cigarette so he went outside with Kristen for about 15 minutes," the source tells Us Weekly. "They were hugging as Rob was smoking his cigarette, and then he leaned down and kissed her on the lips. He had his arm around her almost the whole time."

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Chris quashes kissing Kate story

GWYNETH COULD SO TAKE HER OUT Chris Martin's rep is denying a new Star tabloid story that claims the Coldplay rocker, 32, recently kissed 26-year-old actress Kate Bosworth, usmagazine.com reports. Star quotes an unnamed as saying that Martin was "totally making out with Kate in front of other people" at an unnamed event. But Martins rep tells usmagazine.com: "This story is entirely untrue." Martin and his wife of six years, Gwyneth Paltrow, are "more than fine," a source tells Us.

The source says the alleged Martin-Bosworth make-out "simply never happened. She may have been in the same room with him, but he is not having an affair, was not kissing her or holding her hand."

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Brad shops for a bike in Japan

GOOD LUCK FITTING THAT IN A CARRY-ON Brad Pitt is using his trip to Japan for the Tokyo premiere of Inglourious Basterds to shop for a new motorcycle. "I had a little mishap. No injuries, except my ego," Pitt said about an incident in L.A. last month, according to PopCrunch. "I was trying to get away from some paparazzi and instead gave them a good story. It was my favorite bike, so that is really sad. I will definitely be looking at motorcycles. You've got some of the best builders right here."

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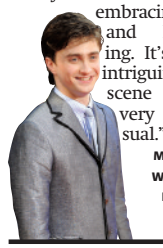
Harry Potter gets naked in new film



HOT TIMES AT HOGWARTS Daniel Radcliffe apparently had such a good time going nude on stage in Equus that he's willing to strip again — for one of the last Harry Potter films. "Daniel Radcliffe appears naked in one scene where Harry and Ron are fighting a magical creature," director David Yates admits to Italian magazine Sorrisi e Canzoni. "We see Harry and a woman embracing and kissing. It's an intriguing scene and very sensual."

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Joel makes life hard for Sparrow

JUST DON'T BE SURPRISED WHEN HE STOPS TALKING TO YOU Joel Madden admits that he and Nicole Richie had an ulterior motive in naming their new son Sparrow: to make his life difficult. "My worry raising a son in Hollywood is, what will he have to struggle for?" Madden tells Britain's OK! Magazine. "I wanted to give him a name that he's going to have to stand up for."

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Celebrity tweets

Paris Hilton apparently doesn't remember fighting with her boyfriend on Halloween, Stephen Fry has to pretend, and Lisa Loeb shares one of her favourite recipes.

@ParisHilton
I had the best Halloween ever! What did everyone do on Halloween?

• @stephenfry
Appearing on "Good Morning LA" this morning so practising being perky. Car arrives to take me to the studio in 20 minutes.

• @lisaloeb4real
crushed ice w/real pineapple/coconut juice w/a huge dollop of greek yogurt on top. Eat with a spoon. Refreshing. like ice cream for bkfast

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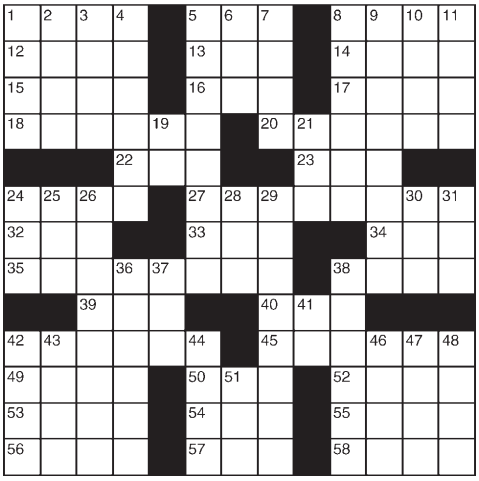

Sudoku

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HOW TO PLAY: Digits 1 through 9 will appear once in each zone — one zone is an outlined 3x3 grid within the larger puzzle grid. There are nine zones in the puzzle. Do not enter a digit into a box if it already appears elsewhere in the same zone, row across or column down the entire puzzle.

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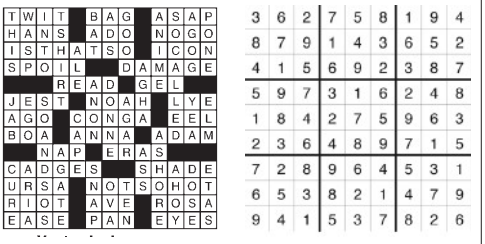
ACROSS

1 Apiece
5 Gasoline ratio (Abbr.)
8 Old card game
12 Parisian pop
13 Debtor's letters
14 Narc's measure
15 Persia, now
16 Up to, for short
17 Couple, to TMZ
18 Café royale ingredient
20 Spoofs on stage
22 Blond shade
23 "Howzat again?"
24 Scrooge's cries
27 Puts on a jury (Var.)
32 Inventor Whitney
33 Half of CIV
34 "To be or — ..."
35 Pigs out
38 Catch sight of
39 Young lion
40 Web-site address end
42 Religious retreat
45 Semitic tongue
49 Taylor or Tyler
50 Doctrine
52 Emanation
53 Queue
54 Actress Thompson
55 Peel
56 Succumbs to gravity
57 Lair
58 Low joint?

DOWN

1 Grand tale
2 Aviation-related
3 Rock climber's handhold
4 Reddish-brown dyes
5 Gone With the Wind author
6 Luau bowlful
7 Wide gap
8 Slalomer's slope
9 "Top Chef" settings
10 Sheltered
11 — River, N.J.
19 For example
21 "Eureka!"
24 Spell-down
25 Carte lead-in
26 Seeking a ride
28 "O Sole —"
29 Billy Mays, notably
30 Prune
31 Pigpen
36 Quick voltage increases
37 "The — Daba Honeymoon"
38 Set sail
41 "Aloha —"
42 Puncturing tools
43 Actor LaBeouf
44 Not very spicy
46 Destruction
47 Sea flier
48 Test the waters
51 Bishopric

PREVIOUS DAY'S CROSSWORD AND SUDOKU ANSWERS:



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2	3	6	4	8	9	7	1	5
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6	5	3	8	2	1	4	7	9
9	4	1	5	3	7	8	2	6

On the web

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Metro Recipe of the Day

Hearty Sausage & Pepper Sauté

Submitted by Karen Green, Toronto

INGREDIENTS:

1 medium onion, sliced
4 mild Italian sausages (substitute spicy chicken or vegetarian sausages if desired)
1 tbsp olive oil
3 red, orange and/or yellow peppers, washed, seeded and cut into 1/2-inch slices
4 large white mushrooms, cut into 1/8-inch slices
salt and pepper

METHOD:

1. Heat olive oil in a large pan over medium heat. Cook sausages, remove from pan and slice into into 1/2-inch rounds.
2. Place rounds back in pan, add peppers and sauté for an additional 3 minutes, tossing to coat.
3. Add onion and mushrooms. Season the mixture with salt and pepper.
4. Sauté ingredients until onions are transparent and peppers retain a bit of crunchiness.
5. To serve, heap generously onto a bun for an open-faced sandwich, or atop cooked rice. Just as delicious the next day!

SERVES 4
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COOK TIME: 10 MINUTES

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ARIES ♈
MARCH 21-APRIL 20
It does not matter whether or not others believe in what you are doing — the only thing that matters is that you believe it, and you do.

TAURUS ♉
APRIL 21-MAY 21
Be careful who you confide in today: If you reveal a secret to the wrong person it won't be a secret for long. Keep it to yourself for the time being.

GEMINI ♊
MAY 22-JUNE 21
You're not sure what you are planning is such a good idea after all. But that's likely just a passing doubt that will disappear once you get started.

CANCER ♋
JUNE 22-JULY 22
You'll likely have a falling out today with someone who doesn't share your aims and ambitions. But it's probably just as well.

LEO ♌
JULY 23-AUG 23
Keep your eyes fixed on the bigger picture today and don't allow yourself to be distracted by events that won't take you closer to your ultimate goal.

VIRGO ♍
AUG 24-SEPT 22
No matter how much you explain to certain people what it is you expect of them, they just don't seem to get it. Maybe you should stop trying so hard.

LIBRA ♎
SEPT 23-OCT 23
Someone you live or work with is harbouring a grudge and if you say the wrong thing they won't hesitate to use it against you. So think before you speak.

SCORPIO ♏
OCT 24-NOV 22
If you take what someone tells you at face value you will be missing half the story, and the other half is more interesting by far.

SAGITTARIUS ♐
NOV 23-DEC 21
It might be wise to weigh your words in the balance, especially on the work front where not everyone shares your respect for the truth.

CAPRICORN ♑
DEC 22-JAN 20
You won't feel quite so pressured tomorrow and over the weekend, but today, alas, you will have to dance to someone else's tune.

AQUARIUS ♒
JAN 21-FEB 18
Others may say you've been lucky, but maybe you should point out to them that if they had worked as hard as you they might have been lucky too.

PISCES ♓
FEB 19-MARCH 20
Don't worry too much if you haven't started a project you've been thinking about for ages. The longer you leave it the more likely it is to be a success.

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